

school bus to a halt after the driver suffered a stroke at the wheel. I am proud to say that Mr. Champagne is one of my junior constituents.

More importantly, I want to call young Larry's story to the attention of our colleagues because his act of courage is one of the many wonderful and dynamic things our young people are doing today. Contrary to popular belief, Larry Champagne and his schoolmates are among the 98 percent of young Americans who are doing the right thing. They are the young leaders who are studying hard, obeying authority, and making small but positive contributions to their communities. They are the unsung heroes of the 90's.

I submit to our colleagues the October 6, 1995 St. Louis Post Dispatch article about Larry Champagne. It is my hope that his story will touch their hearts, as it did mine, and inspire some confidence in young Larry's generation. Then, I offer our colleagues the challenge of doing everything within their power to protect the programs that young Larry and his peers will need to fully develop the leadership talents they displayed on October 5, 1995.

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PEACHY—BOY HERO CELEBRATES CELEBRITY
(By Carolyn Bower)

Ten-year-old Larry Champagne III got pulled from class repeatedly Thursday to talk with national radio and television reporters.

But Larry was coping with his sudden celebrity status.

"I'm OK," he grinned outside Bellerive School in the Parkway School District. "I'm peachy. I'm carrots and peas."

Larry, a fifth-grader, became a hero after he stopped a school bus on U.S. Highway 40 near Sarah Avenue in St. Louis Tuesday after the bus driver suffered a stroke. The bus has been going about 55 mph.

Larry is credited with saving himself and 17 other students from serious injury. The bus driver, Ernestine Blackman, was in serious condition Thursday at Barnes Hospital.

On Thursday afternoon, Bellerive's 460 pupils filed into the school gym for an assembly to honor Larry and the other students. In sweet, high voices, the students sang a song about making a difference, taking a risk and becoming the voices of hope in the world.

Said principal Ken Russell: "We are here to honor the students on Bus 3 for their courage, wisdom and bravery in the face of danger. * * * You were good listeners. You were helpful. You are heroes."

The students were on their way to school from their homes in St. Louis Tuesday morning when they heard cars honking and felt the bus swerve and hit a guardrail.

Then they saw Blackman fall from her seat. Larry made his way to the front, grabbed the steering wheel and stomped on the brake, stopping the bus. A pickup plowed into the bus.

Then Larry and five other students helped the bus driver, got the door open and summoned help.

Russell gave Larry a stack of newspapers and a framed copy of a front-page Post-Dispatch story about Larry.

School officials presented the Bus 3 students with medallions on red, white and blue ribbons.

Walle Amusa, and aide to St. Louis Mayor Freeman Bosley Jr., read a message from Bosley and invited the children to meet the mayor next Wednesday. The mayor's message said: "I am very proud of you. It is great to know that we have young people like you who are level-headed, responsible, courageous and humble."

Tim Stieber, a division manager for Mayflower bus company, gave Larry a billed hat, a bus driver's jacket, commendation and \$100 gift certificate to Toys 'R' Us.

The television program "A Current Affair" filmed the assembly.

In addition to local news organizations, Larry has had interviews or inquiries from NBC, CBS, USA Today, National Public Radio, Time Magazine for Kids, the Associated Press, United Press International, CNN in Los Angeles, Paul Harvey, David Letterman's show, the "Today" show, the "Tonight Show" and radio stations in Boston, San Francisco and Utica. Charles Osgood wrote Thursday's "Osgood File" rhyme about Larry.

Larry's relatives said the attention at first drove him to tears, but he bounced back.

His grandfather Lawrence Champagne, said: "Larry didn't want to be a hero, but now he's jumping in with both feet and dealing with it."

The grandfather said Larry's actions had lifted the family's spirits just weeks after Larry's father, Lawrence Champagne II, was stabbed to death in St. Louis.

"My son may have lost his life, but his son has saved lives," the grandfather said. "This is a memory we'll cherish forever."

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
AMERICAN JOBS AND FOREIGN
LOBBYISTS

HON. LINDA SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 1995

Mrs. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to let the American people know how Government has really operated in Washington for far too long. For the past several months I have been working in a bipartisan manner with my colleagues in the House and Senate from Washington State, Oregon, and California to address a serious issue. American men and women in the longshoreman's trade are being displaced by foreign workers because our own State Department's rule interpretations strongly favor foreign workers despite Congress' efforts to protect American workers in a trade where half of their jobs have disappeared in the last decade alone.

It's not bad enough that our State Department is failing to protect American jobs but they have ignored Congress' charge to update their annual rule interpretation list for almost 2 years. So let's see, not only does our own State Department favor foreign workers but now they ignore Congress' instructions as well. But wait Mr. Speaker, it gets better!

Now I have discovered that after fourteen other Members of the House and Senate joined me in writing to Secretary Christopher about this problem a mid-level bureaucrat in the Transportation and Economic Section of the Department of State decided he would call foreign ship owners to let them know they too should be concerned about this issue. Yes. We have a State Department official calling foreign lobbyists as if he had been retained to be their personal agent. Whose State Department is this anyway?

But just when I think it could not get any worse I find out that the State Department has agreed to be lobbied by foreign vessel owners and operators so that they can continue to discriminate against American workers. Their

concern? It is that the profit margins for foreign vessel owners and operators will be cut.

So let's review what has been going on in our State Department. First, State promulgates rules which discriminate against American workers in favor of foreigners. Second, State ignores the law and defies Congress' charge to produce annual reciprocity lists for almost 2 years. Third, a State Department official takes it upon himself to be the agent for foreign lobbyists by calling foreign ship owners and operators to protect what amounts to be corporate pork for foreigners doled out by our State Department. Last, as if notifying foreigners that their sweet deal may be in danger is not enough, the United States Department of State decides to meet with foreign lobbyists so that their concerns can be made a part of the official State Department evaluation.

While some have asked me which American worker needs to fear our State Department next the real question Americans must ask themselves is "How much does it cost a foreign interest to have the Department of State act as your lobbyist?" The obvious answer, the livelihoods of thousands of American men and women in the longshoreman's trade.

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HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 1995

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Electrician's Mate First Class, Submarine Service Richard Crisp who will retire from the United States Navy on December 31, 1995. Richard entered the Navy on May 30, 1973 and has served his nation faithfully.

During his time in the United States Navy, Richard has distinguished himself as an extraordinary member of our armed forces. He has been awarded the Submarine Service Designation, the navy Achievement Medal 2nd Award, the Meritorious Unit Commendation 2nd Award, the navy Recruiting Award, the Coast Guard Special Operations Ribbon, the Sea Service Ribbon, and the Deterrent Patrol Insignia 2nd Award.

Mr. Speaker, Richard Crisp has proven himself to be a faithful member of the United States Navy. His 20 years of loyal service is greatly appreciated, and I wish him the very best as he enters retirement.

ALTERNATIVE MEDICARE BILL

HON. BRUCE F. VENTO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 1995

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, I recently cosponsored H.R. 2422, the Medicare bill offered as an alternative to the Republican Medicare plan. I am cosponsoring the bill because I believe that it is important for Democrats to offer an alternative plan to the Republicans' massive, unnecessary, and unjustified cuts.

H.R. 2422 cuts approximately \$90 billion from Medicare over the next 7 years instead